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SUBJECT: US-USSR S&T AGREEMENT: EXCHANGE OF S&T INFORMATION BETWEEN NTIS AND VNIT CENTER (01.10)

REF: WILKINSON LETTER TO GREENBERG OF JANUARY 3, 1978

1. ON FEBRUARY 15 SCICOUNS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN NTIS AND VNIT CENTER WITH AYKAZYAN AND N. B. ARUTIUNOV, HEAD, DIRECTORATE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION, SCST. SCICOUNS SET FORTH POINTS IN WILKINSON LETTER OF JANUARY 3 AND ATTACHMENTS TO IT, STRESSING IN PARTICULAR THE IMPORTANCE OF, AND THE MUTUAL BENEFIT TO BE DERIVED FROM, THE INITIATION OF A DIRECT EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN NTIS AND VNIT CENTER. AFTER CONSIDERABLE INITIAL SOVIET RESISTANCE, ARUTIUNOV AND AYKAZYAN AGREED TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS ON EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION IN SELECTED FIELDS COVERED BY S&T BILATERALS. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE PROPOSED S&T INFORMATION JWG (01.10) OFFERED THE BEST VENUE FOR SUCH DISCUSSIONS. (SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR MEETING SENT SEPTTEL) AND THAT WILLIAM T. KNOX, DIRECTOR, NTIS, JOIN USDEL. SOVIETS STATED THAT BETWEEN NOW AND MAY THEY WOULD CONTACT DIRECTORS OF THOSE INSTITUTES IN AREAS COVERED BY POTENTIAL

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EXCHANGE TO OBTAIN THEIR AGREEMENT TO THE RELEASE OF RELEVANT DOCUMENTS.

2. WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING SCENARIO:

-BURCHINAL AND KNOX WRITE TO ARUTIUNOV REFERRING TO ABOVE DISCUSSION AND SPECIFYING WHAT AREAS EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION SHOULD COVER, AND

-UPON RECEIPT OF A FAVORABLE REPLY FROM ARUTIUNOV (SCICOUNS EXTRACTED PROMISE FROM ARUTIUNOV THAT AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO SUCH A LETTER WOULD BE FORTHCOMING) TO PURSUE DISCUSSIONS OF EXCHANGE AT MAY JWG.

3. COMMENT. DURING COURSE OF FRIENDLY BUT RATHER FRANK DISCUSSION, ARUTIUNOV RAISED MANY OBJECTIONS TO NTIS-VNIT CENTER INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND NOTED POINTEDLY THAT HE CAN, AND ON OCCASION DOES, OBTAIN NTIS MICROFICHE INDIRECTLY SUCH AS THROUGH THE UK NATIONAL LENDING LIBRARY. SOVIET AGREEMENT TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS IN MAY IS A CONSIDERABLE STEP FORWARD IN VIEW OF MANY PREVIOUS REJECTIONS. WE RECOMMEND THAT BURCHINAL AND KNOX RESPOND EARLY AND FAVORABLY TO SOVIET INVITATION.

4. FOR EUR/SOV/EXCHANGES. PLEASE PASS THE FOREGOING TO DR. WILLIAM T. KNOX, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND REQUEST THAT HE TRANSMIT ANY CORRESPONDENCE TO ARUTIUNOV THROUGH THIS EMBASSY. PLEASE ADVISE KNOX REACTION TO ABOVE DISCUSSION. MATLOCK

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